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Seattle City Council  
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Dear Members of the Seattle City Council,

We write to you as a group of residents, businesses and civic leaders — concerned about the safety of our city — to urge you to make specific investments and take appropriate action in the city's 2020 budget.

Crimes against people continue to rise in our communities — up 98% in our commercial core and 47% citywide. A recent study revealed that our criminal justice system is not working. It has failed to deter crime, it has failed to find justice for victims and it has failed to help those who become trapped in a cycle of crime, arrest and release. As you shape the city's \$500 million investment in our local criminal justice system, we urge you to prioritize investments and strategies that will reduce recidivism in Seattle and minimize the negative impact of prolific offenders on Seattle neighborhoods. The criminal justice system must work for all of us, but today it fails everyone.

The dysfunction of our criminal justice system has a significant impact on small businesses, residents, workers and visitors across our city. Many of us are ourselves victims of repeat criminal activity enabled by this broken system. Many of us have spent countless hours working with police to help in their investigations. Many of us have spent countless dollars repairing damage, replacing loss, or fortifying our businesses, buildings and homes in the wake of rampant criminal activity. And some of us have been personally harmed by violent behavior on our streets.

In response to concerns expressed by communities across the city, the mayor convened the High Barrier Individual Work Group (HBWG) — comprised of local and regional criminal justice leaders — to begin analyzing system breakdowns. These leaders were tasked with identifying solutions to address the impacts of high-barrier prolific offenders and to achieve better outcomes for the offenders and community at large.

Last month, in their first public update, the HBWG put forward a series of new pilot investments to address some of the gaps for this population. These pilot investments include enhanced probation, case conferencing, and rapid re-entry services with place-based treatment for people leaving jail. These strategies and investments have shown promise locally and in other cities. The mayor has included these pilots in her proposed budget and plans to make common-sense investments in low-acuity crisis response services; community service officers; and continued police emphasis patrols. **These strategies, including probation, should be funded in the 2020 budget and then evaluated upon implementation.**

In addition to funding these aforementioned measures, we urge you to use the oversight and investigative prerogative of the city council to ensure that all our criminal justice dollars are achieving the outcomes we hope to see: crime deterrence and reduction; better outcomes for chronic repeat offenders; reduced harm; and justice for victims in our communities.

It was recently reported that roughly half of all non-traffic criminal cases sent to the City Attorney's Office failed to find any sort of meaningful resolution. Through declines, delays and dismissals, the City Attorney has essentially refused to use the criminal justice system to deal with growing chronic criminal activity that is impacting all of us. This broken system has rippling effects that not only impact victims, but the efficacy of the \$500 million system that the council oversees and funds each year. Police alone spend tens of thousands of hours every year investigating and building cases that pile up at the City Attorney's Office, going nowhere. Meanwhile repeat offenders slip through the system causing more harm in our communities with no help or meaningful plan for intervention in sight.

We urge you to fund the mayor's proposed investments and use your oversight and investigative authority to ensure that the growing staff and budget for the City Attorney's Office yields results for victims, police and prolific repeat offenders.

We can't simply stay the current course and hope to achieve a different outcome.

Sincerely,

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